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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: WOODS

EXAMINER: Valenza, Joseph

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**For: SELF PROPELLED BACKFILLING APPERATUS**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Please extend the time for response for one month to 12/04/03 in the above referenced application. Please charge Deposit Account 07-1338 for the necessary fees.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 6 15-16, and 18.

Please amend the noted claims below.